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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 30, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONALD S. BEYER, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God of eternity, we pray Your blessing on the year 2022. As we reflect on the days and months that passed, may we show You our gratitude for all the grace gifts of Your bounty. We count among our many blessings the privilege we have been given to serve You in this time and this place, with the skills and talents, hearts and souls You have endowed us.

We pray that the words we spoke, the decisions we made, the relationships we shared would, in Your mercy, have been worthy of the trust You have placed in us.

Likewise, we consider the heartache and challenge this year has endured: the war raging in Ukraine; the senseless gun violence that has destroyed the future of innocent children and robbed countless others of their hopes and dreams; and the tragedies suffered by victims of violent floods and storms, which ravaged homes and neighborhoods.

Lord, as we call these calamities to mind, we pray that we may not despair the past and succumb to a spirit of fear

for the year to come, but in renewed faith, may we cling to the power and love You make available to us always.

May we hold sure to the steadfastness of Your grace plan, which is the same today as yesterday, and ever in our future.

We pray this in Your sovereign name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 6 of House Resolution 1529, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 30, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 3(b) of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 15202), I am pleased to appoint the following member to the Medal of Valor Review Board on behalf of the Speaker:

Mr. THOMAS C. O'HALLERAN, Sedona, Arizona.

As previously agreed, because of the change in Congress and the presumed statu-

tory intent of the Commission, I am appointing Mr. O'HALLERAN on behalf of the Speaker. As such, I am pleased to make this appointment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore DELAURO on Wednesday, December 28, 2022:

H.R. 680, for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar;

H.R. 897, to take certain lands in California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1154, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain lands as the Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2617, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for providing emergency assistance for the situation in Ukraine, and for other purposes;

S. 450, to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley;

S. 989, to establish a Native American language resource center in furtherance of the policy set forth in the Native American Languages Act;

S. 1294, to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to foreign persons that have engaged in significant theft of trade secrets of United States persons, and for other purposes;

S. 1402, to amend the Native American Languages Act to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, and for other purposes;

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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